

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 5, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto.

Species Election

The Office Action states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- I.) The shoe sole shown in Figs. 1-6.
- II.) The shoe sole shown in Figs. 7-9.
- III.) The shoe sole shown in Figs. 10-11.
- IV.) The shoe sole shown in Figs. 12-13.
- V.) The shoe sole shown in Figs. 14A-C and 15A-C.

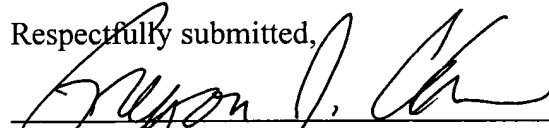
This requirement for an election of species is traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that Species I-V are sufficiently related that the search and examination of each of the species would not be a serious burden.

Applicant respectfully points out that pending claim 1 is generic to Species I-V. As required, applicant hereby provisionally elects Species I, directed toward Figs. 1-6. At least claims 1, 2, 8-11, and 40 are all readable on Figs. 1-6.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account No. 19-0733**.

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